

There are two major problems with the broadcast flag. One is it will prevent people who have already purchased high-def equipment, which is quite expensive, from viewing content. There are a lot of high-def displays, and it is unfair to force those people to junk their equipment and buy new displays that can handle the broadcast flag. The second problem is the issue of fair use. As I've seen it proposed, the broadcast flag could be set to prevent you from recording a high definition program off the air, for your own use, or for time shifting, essentially taking away something that we've had with vcrs for close to 30 years.